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SUBJECT: GOF COMPLAINT ON U.S. PHOSPHATE FERTILIZER
EXPORTS.

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EMBOFF TOOK OCCASION OF MEETING WITH GUY DE LA
CARRIERE (DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS,
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE) ON COGNAC (SEPTEL) TO ASK
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON GOF COMPLAINT. ACCORDING
TO GOF, COMPLAINT IS ABOUT EXPORTS OF PROCESSED
PHOSPHATES ONLY, NOT ABOUT U.S. EXPORTS OF PHOSPHATE
ROCK. GOF HAS PROMISED TO SUPPLY DATA CONCERNING
QUANTITY AND VALUE OF IMPORTS OF PHOSPHATE-BASED
FERTILIZER PRODUCTS BROKEN DOWN BY SOURCE FOR EACH
YEAR 1970-1975 PLUS THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1976.

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CARRON SAID HE BELIEVED DATA WOULD SHOW THAT IMPORTS

FROM THE U.S. HAVE TRIPLED IN 1976 COMPARED WITH FIRST
HALF OF 1975 AND THAT U.S. PRODUCTS CURRENTLY REPRESENT
50 PERCENT OF FRENCH IMPORTS. JEAN-CLAUDE PREVEL,
DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN TRADE REGULATIONS TOLD EMBOFF THAT
JOURNAL OFFICIEL OF AUGUST 5 OR 6 WOULD CARRY A NOTICE
TO IMPORTERS OF A NEW REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN TECHNICAL
VISA BEFORE IMPORTING PHOSPHATE-BASED FERTILIZER.
EMBOFF COMMENTED THAT WE HAD HAD BAD EXPERIENCE WITH
SUCH PROCEDURES FOR CANNED FRUIT AND TEXTILES AND THAT
WE CONSIDERED IT A NON-TARIFF BARRIER. PREVEL SAID THE
NEW PROCEDURE WAS AUTOMATIC AND SHOULD NOT DELAY
IMPORTS. CARRON SAID AN EARLY EXPLANATION IN RESPONSE
TO THE GOF MEMORANDUM OF JULY 26 WOULD BE HELPFUL.
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